

MONTGOMERY MT Breeze

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4TH QUARTER 2018 REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS ARE DUE MAY 1ST.

Photo credit – Richard Chapman of Huntington.



Memorial Day event details – May 28, 2018

There are approximately 65 musicians, 6 chaperones. I would like to feed them lunch as we have in the past.

Monetary donations will be taken in the library and police department office during open hours to purchase Big Y grinders (to avoid allergy issues). Donations of bottled water, sports drinks, chips and deserts will also be taken. The musicians have been thrilled with lunch.

Also brave student volunteers will be needed to

read historical pieces. For years the readings have been – Flanders Field and the Gettysburg Address – if anyone has any suggestions for others – let me know – I'm very open to suggestions.

If you can help let me know – Paula Chapman at 862-4949

Thank you to all who helped last time – this town shows its greatness by honoring our vets because without those who served – we would not be free to celebrate!

Open burning season over

- **Open Burning:** Burning season is over. At print time, conditions in the woods are extremely dry. MFD has responded to several brush fires in our and surrounding towns. If you see any smoke call 911.

- **Tick season:** Many reports of ticks in our Town. Protect yourself with proper clothing and repellent. Protect your animals with tick repellent to prevent them from bringing in the insects into your home. There is countless information on the internet on how to minimize your families contacts with these disease carrying insects.

- **Chimneys:** Now is the time to have your chimney cleaned and inspected. If you need repairs it is better to get it done now that the heating system is behind us. Fall will be here before you know it.
- Please call the Fire Dept and leave a message with any questions, comments, or suggestions.
- **CALL 911 FOR ANY EMERGENCY.**

The Montgomery Fire Department thanks you for your support.



154 Main Road
Montgomery, MA

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Fax: (413) 862-4505
wsservice@nutmegtrucks.com

Annual Town Election

To be held on Monday May 7th from 12:00-7:00 PM. Please come and show your support for the local officials that spend many hours working hard to keep this town running smoothly. Some of these officials do these jobs with low salaries because they care about our town and all of you. Please come and vote!!!! If you need an absentee ballot please call me and I can have one sent to you. Judy Murphy, Town Clerk @ 413-862-4478

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Important numbers

FIRE EMERGENCY 911
 AMBULANCE 911
 STATE POLICE 911
 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 862-4037

GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL 685-1102
 GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL 685-1202
 GMS ATTENDANCE 685-1201
 LITTLEVILLE ELEMENTARY 685-1301

TOWN HALL OFFICE 862-3386
 townhall@montgomeryma.gov
 Administrative Secretary Hours, Tuesdays
 & Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FIRE DEPT: 862-4505
 DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF - CHRIS GALIPEAU
 862-4599

TOWN CLERK - JUDY MURPHY 862-4478
 POLICE DEPT:
 ADMINISTRATIVE POLICE CHIEF -
 PAULA CHAPMAN 862-4949
 TAX COLLECTOR - JANE THIELEN 862-3386

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER -
 PHIL CAMP 862-4976

SELECT BOARD:
 DAN JACQUES 862-9001
 WAYNE MORSE 862-4023
 JACOB CHAPMAN 862-4949
 Meetings for the Select Board are held at
 7:00 p.m. every other Thursday.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:
 MADELYN AUSTIN 862-4004
 mrrrr@verizon.net

LIBRARY:
 LIBRARIAN - PAULA LONG 862-3894
 montgomerylibrary@yahoo.com
 HOURS: Tuesday 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
 Thursday 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
 Saturday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS:
 Meetings of the Board of Assessors are held
 on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month
 from 8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Please call 862-3386
 for an appointment. Assessors' Clerk
 hours 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month
 from Noon - 4 p.m.

State Senator Don Humason:
 64 Noble St., Westfield, MA 01085
 (413) 568-1366
 Donald.Humason@masenate.gov

State Representative Peter V. Kocot:
 Rep.PeterKocot@hou.state.ma.us
 (413) 582-6111

montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com

May Calendar

May 1 Recycling day
 May 2 6:30 pm - Yoga - Town Hall
 May 3 7:00 pm - Selectboard Meeting - Town Hall
 May 4 9:30 -11:00 am - Osteoporosis Exercise - Town Hall
 May 7 12:00 pm - 7:00 PM - Town Election
 May 8 10:00 am - COA Coffee Hour - Town Hall
 May 9 6:30 pm - Yoga - Town Hall
 May 11 9:30 -11:00 am - Osteoporosis Exercise - Town Hall
 May 15 Recycling day
 May 16 6:30 pm - Yoga - Town Hall
 May 17 7:00 pm - Selectboard Meeting - Town Hall
 May 18 9:30 -11:00 am - Osteoporosis Exercise - Town Hall
 May 19 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Chester on Track - Chester Railway
 Station
 May 21 7:00 pm - Annual Town Meeting
 May 22 10:00 am - COA Coffee Hour - Town Hall
 May 23 6:30 pm - Yoga - Town Hall
 May 25 9:30 -11:00 am - Osteoporosis Exercise - Town Hall
 May 28 Memorial Day
 May 29 Recycling day
 May 31 7:00 pm - Selectboard Meeting - Town Hall

Condolences

to Cindy and Phil Camp and extended family on the loss of
 Cindy's father, Robert "Bob" James on April 13 in Springfield.

Paula L. Chapman

Administrative Chief of Police for the Town of Montgomery
OFFICE HOURS 6:30 pm TO 7:45 pm

MAY 3rd

MAY 31st

MAY 17th

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Ads: email (preferably pdf file) to montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com, put in the MB box at the Library, or mail to: **Montgomery Mountain Breeze, c/o Grace Hall Memorial Library, 161 Main Road, Montgomery, MA 01085-9525.** Include your name and phone number. Payment must be received by deadline date (usually on the 16th of the month) or ad will not be run. No cash, please; make check payable to Montgomery Mountain Breeze and put in the MB box at the Library, or mail to above address.

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Attorney General's Notice

Date: April 11, 2018

Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by
Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000

**Town of Montgomery – Case No. 8795
Special Town Meeting of March 5,
2018
Articles # 1 and 2**

Attorney General's Limited Authority to Waive Procedural Defects in the Notice of the Planning Board Hearing Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000, if the Attorney General finds there to be any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment of any zoning by-law relating to the form or content of the notice of the Planning Board hearing prescribed by G.L. c. 40A, § 5, or to the manner or dates on which said notice is mailed, posted or published as required by that section, then instead of disapproving the by-law or amendment by reason of any such defect, the Attorney General may elect to proceed under the defect waiver provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32. Under those provisions, the Attorney General is conditionally authorized to waive any such defect.

**Defect Determined in Notice of
Planning Board Hearing**

The Attorney General has determined that the planning board hearing notice relating to the above Articles failed to comply with the notice requirements for such hearing established by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. Section 5 provides in part (with emphasis added):

No zoning...by-law or amendment thereto shall be adopted until after the planning board in a...town has...held a public hearing thereon...at which interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard.... Notice of the time and place of such hearing, of the subject matter, sufficient for identification, and of the place where texts and maps thereof may be inspected shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the...town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing, and by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the...town hall for a period of not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing. Notice of said hearing shall also be sent by mail, postage prepaid to the department of housing and community development, the regional planning

agency, if any, and to the planning board of each abutting city and town...

Based on the materials submitted to this Office, we have identified the following defects: (1) the planning board hearing notice was not sent to the Department of Housing and Community Development or the Regional Planning Agency; and (2) the planning board hearing notice that was published did not include the location where the proposed by-law text could be inspected, all as required by G.L. c. 40A, § 5.

**Attorney General's Election to Proceed Under the Waiver Provisions of
G.L. c. 40, § 32**

The Attorney General has elected to proceed under the limited defect waiver authority conferred by G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000.

**Suspension of Review of Zoning
By-Law Amendments**

The 90-day period prescribed by law for the Attorney General's review of local by-laws is therefore suspended in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000.

Posting and Publication of This Notice

The Town Clerk shall post a true copy of this Notice in a conspicuous place in the Montgomery Town Hall for a period of not less than 14 days and shall publish a copy once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Montgomery.

**Filing of Claim That Defect in Notice
Was Misleading or Otherwise
Prejudicial**

Within 21 days of the date on which this Notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Montgomery, any resident of the Town of Montgomery, or the owner of any real property in the Town of Montgomery, or any other party entitled to notice of the planning board hearing may file with the Town Clerk a written statement that the notice defect was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. The statement must include the reasons supporting the claim that the defect in the Planning Board Notice was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. This statement must be actually

on file with the Town Clerk not later than 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published in the newspaper.

**Town Clerk's Certification of
Compliance with This Notice**

After the expiration of the 21-day period, the Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General a true copy of this Notice with a certification of compliance with the publishing and posting requirements of the preceding paragraph, and a certification that either (a) no claim was filed within the 21-day period, or (b) one or more claims were filed within the 21-day period. The Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General true copies of any such claim(s).

**Resumption of Attorney
General's Review**

Upon receipt of one original copy of this Notice with the Clerk's certification, the 90-day period provided for the Attorney General's review under G.L. c. 40, § 32, shall resume. If no claim is made, the Attorney General has the discretion to waive any such defect; if any claim is made, however, the Attorney General may not waive any such defect.

Note: By not filing a claim under this provision, a person shall not be deprived of the right to assert a claim of invalidity arising out of any possible defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment, as provided in G.L. c. 40, § 32, and in G.L. c. 40A, § 5.

Date: April 11, 2018

Very truly yours,

MAURA HEALEY
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Margaret J. Hurley
by: Margaret J. Hurley, Assistant Attorney General
Chief, Central Massachusetts Division
Director, Municipal Law Unit

Ten Mechanic Street, Suite 301
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 792-7600 x 4402
cc: Town Counsel Jonathan Eichman

Reminder: dog license(s) update

DOG LICENSES: A reminder to people who have paid for their 2017-2018 dog licenses and have not picked them up yet please do so. I still have about twenty that are still in my office. The reason for them not being mailed to you is because there was no self addressed stamped envelope given at the time of registration. You can pick them up on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-4:00. The 2016-2017 dog licenses are in. Your current dog license(s) will expire at the end of March. The new 2018-2019 licenses are in and available for you to license your dog(s). The cost of the license is \$6.00 if neutered and \$10.00 if un-neutered. A kennel license is required for anyone having more than four dogs. The cost is \$25.00 for the license plus \$5.00 for each neutered and \$6.00 for each un-neutered dogs. If you



prefer to do it by mail you can include a copy of this form, if you have more than one dog photocopy the form. I will need to have a copy of the current rabies certificate, along with a check made out to the Town on Montgomery.

MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE or the license will not get mailed back to you. You may also call the Town Clerk to obtain a license in person. Forms are on the front table in the Town Hall and can be filled out there and dropped off.

The Town by-laws require ALL dogs be licensed by July 1st of current year or you will be fined a late fee of \$25.00 per dog, along with the license fee. All dogs six months or older, even inside dogs MUST be licensed. Call 862-4478 for more info.

Judy Murphy, Town Clerk,
58 North Rd, Montgomery, MA 01085

ANIMAL LICENSE		NO.	
Town of Montgomery			
THIS CERTIFIES that _____, the undersigned,			
is the owner or keeper of an animal kept at _____			
Telephone: _____			
and described as follows: NAME _____ AGE _____ YRS MOS _____			
SIZE	SEX	PROMINENT BREED	SPECIES
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Further Details: _____			
and is the animal described in _____			
RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE NO. _____			
Dated _____, 20____			
Signature of Owner or Keeper _____			
In reliance on the above certificate and the payment fee of \$ _____			
the animal above described is licensed for the period ending 4 / 1 / 2018			
Dated _____, 20____ Town Clerk _____			

Two noted public servants pass on

State Representative Peter Kocot

State Representative Peter Kocot, who represented Montgomery and the First Hampshire District in state government, passed away on February 22 after a brief illness. A life-long resident of Northampton, Kocot began working for his predecessor, State Rep. Bill Nagle just after college graduation, serving as Nagle's chief of staff for more than 20 years. He was elected to Nagle's seat in 2002, and was serving as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Health Care Finance at his passing. He was former chairman of the Ethics Committee, and in 2009 shepherded a "landmark Ethics Reform bill" through the Legislature. He was recognized as the Commonwealth's "preeminent champion of increasing transparency in government" and in 2015 led the successful effort to reform and modernize Massachusetts public records law. Our condolences to his widow, Shauneen O'Donnell Kocot, and their adult sons Jake and Luke.

Former Selectman David Walmsley

Former Selectman and 18-year public servant for Montgomery (1974-1992), David Walmsley passed away on January 26 in Natchitoches, LA. Dave and his family moved to Montgomery from Swansea in 1974, and Dave was appointed to the

Finance Committee six months later. That eventually led to involvement with the Regional Finance Committee for Gateway Regional School District, including the time period when Proposition 2 1/2 was enacted. Dave also served as Selectman for five years, two of those as Chairman. He and his wife moved to Springfield for several years, and recently to Louisiana. Our condolences to his widow, Dorrie, and their children William (wife Heather and family) of Central Massachusetts, and Susan Walmsley Hyams (husband Collier and family) of Natchitoches, LA.

Candidates for Town Elections:

- Moderator (1 year) – Peter Brady
- Selectman (3 years) – Randall Austin
- Selectman (3 Years) – Michael Morrissey
- Constable (3 years) – Mark Chretien
- Board of Assessors (3 years) – Randall Austin (incumbent)
- Trustee of the A.P. Pettis Fund (3 years) – Julie Pike (incumbent)
- Library Trustee (3 years) – Christine Brown (incumbent)
- Tree Warden (1 year) – Philip Camp (incumbent)
- School Committee (3 years) – Madelyn Austin (incumbent)
- School Committee (1 year) – write-in

Be wary of late spring frost when planting tender plants

May is the month to:

- Planting tender plants too early, you must be prepared to cover if there is a frost.
- Average last frost date for MA can vary from May 1 in eastern MA to June 10 in western MA.
- It is easy to make hummingbird food at home. Recipe is 1:4 cane sugar to water; boil until dissolved and cool completely.
- Early May, plant blooming bulbs and tubers such as elephant ears and dahlias.
- Looking for natural mosquito control. Try installing a bat box. Bats can eat 1000 insects/hour.
- Pollinator habitats can include plants, stumps, fallen logs,

GardenNews

by Chris Brown



groups of sticks and bee blocks.

- Do not harvest asparagus if plants are less than 2 years old.
- Be on the lookout for bright red Lily Leaf Beetles on Asiatic lilies.
- Prune spring bloomers after flowering and before they set next year's bud.
- Wait until Memorial Day to plant tender crops like tomatoes, pepper and eggplants.
- Allow house plants to acclimate in a shady spot when bringing them outdoors for the summer.

Information from 2018 UMASS Garden Calendar

CHEESE SOUFFLÉ

This recipe is from Jacques Pepin. It is for his mother's version of a cheese soufflé. It is not a fussy recipe.

6 Tbsp. unsalted butter + more to butter dish

2 cups cold whole milk

½ tsp. pepper

2 ½ cups grated Swiss cheese, preferably Gruyere

6 Tbsp. flour

½ tsp. salt

5 extra-large eggs

3 Tbsp. minced fresh chives

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Butter a 6 cup gratin dish and set it aside. Melt butter in saucepan, then add flour and mix well with a whisk. Cook for 10 seconds, add milk in one stroke, and mix it with a whisk. Keep stirring until mixture thickens and comes to a strong boil (about 2 minutes). It should be thick and smooth. Remove from heat, and stir in the salt & pepper. Allow 10 minutes for white sauce to cool. Meanwhile, break eggs in bowl and beat well. Add the eggs, cheese and chives to cooled sauce. Mix well to combine. Pour into buttered gratin dish and cook immediately, or set aside until ready to cook. Bake 30 to 40 minutes or until soufflé is puffy and well browned on top. Although it will stay inflated for quite a while, it is best served immediately.

MAY RECIPE



Outside the bird feeder with Lori Conley

Great Blue Heron

Largest of the North American herons with long legs, a sinuous neck, and thick, daggerlike bill. Head, chest, and wing plumes give a shaggy appearance. In flight, the Great Blue Heron curls its neck into a tight "S" shape; its wings are broad and rounded and its legs trail well beyond the tail.

Great Blue Herons appear blue-gray from a distance, with a wide black stripe over the eye. They wade slowly or stand statue-like, stalking fish and other prey in shallow water or open fields. Their very slow wingbeats, tucked-in neck and trailing legs create an unmistakable image in flight.

They also forage in grasslands and agricultural fields. Breeding birds gather in colonies or "heronries" to build stick nests high off the ground.

Blue herons have elaborate courtship and pair-bonding displays that include a ritualized greeting, stick transfers, and nest relief ceremony in which the birds erect their plumes and "clapper" their bill tips. Pairs are mostly monogamous during a season, but they choose new partners each year. Away from the colony, Great Blue Herons defend feeding territories from other herons with dramatic displays in which the birds approach intruders with their

head thrown back, wings outstretched, and bill pointing skyward.

Male Great Blue Herons collect much of the nest material, gathering sticks from the ground and nearby shrubs and trees, and from unguarded and abandoned nests, and presenting them to the female. She weaves a platform and a saucer-shaped nest cup, lining it with pine needles, moss, reeds, dry grass, mangrove leaves, or small twigs. Nest building can take from 3 days up to 2 weeks; the finished nest can range from a simple platform measuring 20 inches across to more elaborate structures used over multiple years, reaching 4 feet across and nearly 3.5 feet deep.

Because Great Blue Herons depend on wetlands for feeding and on relatively undisturbed sites for breeding, they are vulnerable to habitat loss and to impacts such as traffic, logging, motorboats, and other human intrusions that can disrupt nesting colonies.

Look for Great Blue Herons in saltwater and freshwater habitats, from open coasts, marshes, sloughs, riverbanks, and lakes to backyard goldfish ponds. Blue Herons aren't likely to visit a typical backyard. However, they are sometimes unwelcome visitors to yards that include fish ponds.

Happy spring birding!

Article from The Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Historical Society annual meeting May 19th

Hope you're enjoying the moderating temperatures that seem to be occurring recently! Perhaps we can finally say "Spring has sprung!"

Your Montgomery Historical Society thanks all who attended our traditional Roast Pork Supper (April 21) in support of this fund-raiser. Many people expressed their pleasure with the dinner, and our guest speaker, Dennis Picard of Westfield, entertained all with his talk about how the children (and families) of a bygone era would enjoy their "down-time" after school and during the summer, when their chores were done and they had time to play. Resourcefulness contributed to the invention of many new paths to "fun and games" in "the old days."

Our annual meeting will take place on Saturday, May 19, preceded by a potluck supper at 6:00 p.m. Those attending

Historical Happenings



are asked to bring along a salad or casserole to share. The Historical Society will provide beverages and dessert: make-your-own ice cream sundaes!. Also, please bring place settings and serving utensils so the dishwashers can have the night off! The evening will include a

show-and-tell time: please bring along a doodad or "whatsit" for people to ponder over – can be something that not even you know the identity of, and we'll see if we can figure it out! You can also simply bring some item that you'd like to share with others. This can be a fun time for everyone!

The Historical group had planned to host a hike on the same date – May 19 in the morning, but the details have not yet been worked out, so we'll be posting information on that event hopefully in the near future. "Stay tuned!"

The display case in the Montgomery Library, "curated" by your Historical Society, currently houses a collection of "Noah's Ark" memorabilia loaned by one of our Society members. This exhibit will change around May 1st when we'll replace it with a collection of "boot jacks" loaned by another member from Westfield. Hope you'll take the time to utilize our "great little library" and while there, look over the items in the display case!

Thank you to those who've recently offered their collections to be exhibited at the Library. If others out there have something they'd like to share, please contact Laurie at 862-8095.

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Beverly Allard
Jeff Brown

Ellen Couture
Jamie Ellils
Christina Harris
Jillianne Jacques

Cheryl Masciadrell
Kolleen Morrissey
Kyle Morrissey
Erin Pease

Nancy Peckham
Linda Smith
Carol Stevens
Matthew Warren

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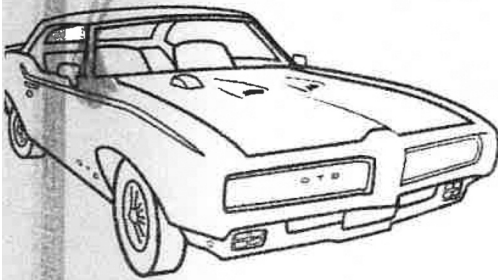
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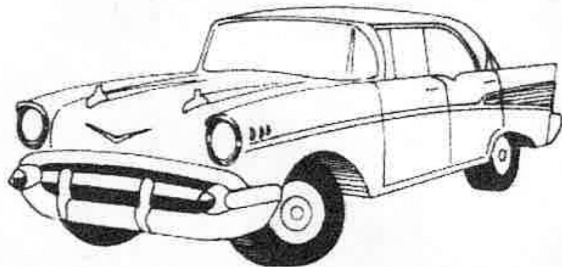
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Montgomery history 101: 1940 newspaper clipping remembers

(Written before 1940) Found in newspaper clippings, written by B.H.H.

A town is dying. For years the beautiful mountain town of Montgomery has been losing its grip on life; year by year its pulse beats have become weaker and weaker. Why? Because it has a reservoir which supplies nearby cities with drinking water, and, since this water must be kept pure, there must be no farms draining into it. So, one by one, over a period of 30 or 40 years, farms have been bought up by the Westfield water works, the buildings torn down, the refuse cleaned up, leaving little besides a bare cellar hole with stone walls and fragments of a chimney to remind one that here stood a house which was somebody's home; that the grounds, now often thickly planted with pines, was once a farm where somebody earned a comfortable living.

Montgomery is in height only a few feet lower than Mt. Tom and from all sides the views are some of the most attractive to be found anywhere, although little advertised. From the top of Mr. Tekoa, which stands gaunt and rocky at the south end of the town, one may look down upon Westfield and Springfield and far into Connecticut. From Ball mountain on the east may be seen a wide sweep of landscape from Mount Monadnock at the north down through the Connecticut valley, taking in Mt. Tom and the Holyoke range to Springfield and south as far as the eye can see. From the west and north, Blandford reaches the eye first, and then range after range is observed rising one behind the other.

The town has always been a farming community with little manufacturing, although there may be found the remains of an old gun factory at the south end (Lieutenant Richard Falley supplied arms for the Revolutionary War, had a factory hidden in a glen on Moose Meadow Brook, instrumental in the founding of Montgomery). The stone walls still stand keeping watch over a huge stone mill wheel which gave the power for making its firearms (stone mill wheel at Stanley Park). There, also, may be found the remains of a gristmill which probably supplied the town with grain.

Because of the cool breezes, the town has always been popular as a summer place and it has been a refuge for generations of families from the sweltering heat of nearby cities. The older generation will remember the

summer hotel owned and operated by Atwater Moore (Moore's Mountain House). This hotel, standing on the top of the highest hill in town, could be seen from almost any point. From time to time there were other summer hotels and boarding houses, two well known were those of Capt. Hildreth (Fox's on Main Rd.) and Augustus Moore (Darling's on Avery Rd.). These houses still stand and are inhabited.

At one time the population was large enough to support two churches, a Methodist (current Town Hall) and a Congregationalist, each facing the other on opposite sides of the road. For over a century the Methodist services have been abandoned and the building used for various activities. It was the Grange hall when the population supported a Grange, now it is used as a community hall. There have been services in the Congregational church until quite recently. Minister Chapin drove over from Huntington hill every Sunday afternoon and preached until he could no longer drive his horse. It was a long drive with house and buggy. Those who wish to go to church now have to go out of town.

Beside the church stand two small white buildings. One is the town hall (current Historical Society building) wherein all business of the town is carried on, the other is the hearse house. Many years ago a well meaning citizen willed the town money for building a house to keep the town hearse in (moved to private residence on Avery Rd.). It was built and has sheltered this vehicle for half a century or more. During this period the hearse has probably not been used more than half a dozen times. In this group of buildings, which comprise the center of the town, also stand the horse sheds. There is also a trim little library, a recent addition to the group.

Back of these buildings lies the center buying ground. On Memorial day may be seen several flags waving over Civil war soldiers' graves as well over a few graves of Revolutionary soldiers. There are three other cemeteries besides this one. On the headstones are many quaint epitaphs and some of the family names have long since been forgotten, while others may still be found in the annual town report. Among the prominent names were Moore, Allyn, Chapman, Kelso, Camp, Washburn,

Williams, Squire, Clark, Cowles, Hall and Wright.

Of the many families of Moores one will always be remembered. Big, jovial Lucien Moore held the position of first selectman many years and was an outstanding citizen, taking a forward place in all matters of interest to the town. He and his wife Lillian, with their 10 children, are remembered as pillars of Montgomery. The much lived in home where these children were born and brought up is gone, and beside the old stone cellar wall grows, and flourishes, a lilac bush. The home is gone, the old folks dead, children of the 10 children have grown to large numbers, grandchildren have arrived, and even great-grandchildren, but the lilac lives on.

Another outstanding citizen was David Allyn, whose home near the churches (where the fire station is now) is well remembered. He was a dealer in cows, and it was a common sight to see him along the country road in his buckboard driving a herd of cattle. Friday was butchering day and found him busy with customers, for he supplied the townsmen with their meat. They bought a hind of beef or some other cut, and often brought along pails in which they took home fresh hearts and tongues. A beloved couple was David and Delia Allyn. They raised and educated five children. One of the sons is well known in this section as a promoter of pure food, (Dr. Lewis B. Allyn, murdered in his Westfield home and was never solved) and the other has been first selectman of Montgomery for over 40 years and is well known for his sharp wit (Walter David Allyn, grandfather of Helen Allyn).

Adeline Pittsinger (lived on property owned by Stipek-Long on Russell Rd.) was postmaster for years and the mail was carried to and from Westfield by stage. The stage consisted of a team of horses and a large wagon; it was large, for passengers and freight had to be carried for the convenience of the people. Being stage-carrier was a full-time job, taking all day to go to Westfield and back.

At one time there were five schools supported by the town. One by one these little one-room schoolhouses have been deserted, until now only one is left - Corner school, taking care of all the pupils and this is also a one room schoolhouse.



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No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn. ~Hal Borland -" this better be true!!" P.M. Long

1908 SOCIAL TEA PARTY

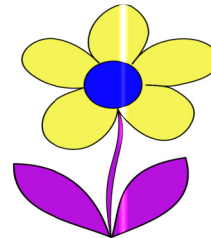
Rita Parisi of Waterfall Productions will be hostess for a 1908 Tea at Grace Hall Memorial Library on **May 12th at 1 pm**. At the turn of the last century, the afternoon tea provided ladies a chance to socialize and discuss fashion, family and social concerns. In the character of



her audience with stories about life at the turn of the 20th century participation are encouraged. Young persons of exceptional models of manners are welcome. Please preregister at the library by May 9, tickets are \$5 each.

Book & Plant Sale

June 9 at 9 am to 2 pm



Due to everyone's busy schedules and the "winter that would not end" we will be holding the Spring Book & Plant sale later than usual this year. We are looking for volunteers to help clean and prep, work on the day of the sale and help Chris Brown with the plant sale. She can not be there the day of the sale and could use an extra hand, who has knowledge of plants.

This year we have a lot of new items from the massive weeding we have been doing at the library. We will take donations of gently used books and DVD's at the library. Please no encyclopedias, text books or items with water damaged or mold.

Congratulations!

To the Kids Winter reading Challenge

Henry & Ella Rathay for the Snowman challenge

Evelyn Nicholas for reading 1,222 minutes! That's 20.36 HOURS!

All 3 winners will receive a Gift Cert. to Mama Cakes

Hours

Tues: 10- 5:30

Thurs: 4-8

Sat: 9:30-12:30

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COUNCIL ON AGING

Serving the Citizens of Montgomery
May 2018

Calendar

Tue – May 8 Coffee Hour – 10 a.m.

Tue – May 22 Coffee Hour – 10 a.m.

Osteoporosis Exercise Class

Town Hall – Friday – 9:30 – 11am

Birthdays

Carla LaFleur	Gunarts Jansons
Nancy Peckham	Claire Tyminski
Ellen Shaw	Mae Kenyon



Every May, the Administration on Aging, part of the Administration for Community Living, leads our nation's observance of Older American's Month. The 2018 theme, Engage at Every Age, emphasizes that you are never too old (or young) to take part in activities that can enrich your physical, mental, and emotional well-being. It also celebrates the many ways in which older adults make a difference in our communities.

Participating in activities that promote mental and physical wellness, offering your wisdom and experience to the next generation, seeking the mentorship of someone with more life experience than you – those are just a few examples of what being engaged can mean. No matter where you are in your life, there is no better time than now to start.

1908 Social Tea Party

Rita Parisi of Waterfall Productions will be the hostess for a 1908 Tea at the Montgomery Town Hall on May 12th at 1 pm.

At the turn of the last century, the afternoon tea provided ladies a chance to socialize and discuss fashion, family and social concerns.

In the character of Mrs. Gordon, a middleclass lady from 1908, Rita will entertain her audience with stories about life at the turn of the 20th century and a recent trip to Boston.

Hats, teacups and audience participation are encouraged. Refreshments will be served.

Please pre-register at the Grace Hall Memorial Library by May 10th. A nominal fee of \$5.00 will be charged.

This presentation is sponsored by the Grace Hall Memorial Library and the Montgomery Council on Aging.

Elder Abuse – (800) 922-2275

Elder Abuse refers to any knowing, intentional, or negligent act by a caregiver or any other person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to a vulnerable adult 60 or older.

Meals On Wheels – Highland Valley Elder Services – Donation requested 800-322-0551 or 413-586-2000

Shine Counselor – John Bergeron – 667-2203

Veteran's Agent – Daniel Flechsig – 862-8095

Outreach – Ginger Cruickshank – 862-4932

Zodiac Sign – Taurus/Gemini

Flower – Lilly of the Valley

Birthstone - Emerald

10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR NEW MEDICARE CARD

Medicare is mailing new Medicare cards starting in April 2018. Here are the 10 things to know about your new Medicare card:

1. **Mailing takes time:** Your card may arrive at a different time than your friends or neighbors.
2. **Destroy your old Medicare card:** Once you get your new Medicare card, destroy your old Medicare card and start using your new card right away.
3. **Guard your card:** Only give your new Medicare Number to doctors, pharmacists, other health care providers, your insurers, or people you trust to work with Medicare on your behalf.
4. **Your Medicare Number is unique:** Your card has a new number instead of your Social Security Number. This new number is unique to you.
5. **Your new card is paper:** Paper cards are easier for many providers to use and copy, and they save taxpayers a lot of money. Plus, you can print your own replacement card if you need one!
6. **Keep your new card with you:** Carry your new card and show it to your health care providers when you need care.
7. **Your doctor knows it's coming:** Doctors, other health care facilities and providers will ask you for your new Medicare card when you need care.
8. **You can find your number:** If you forget your new card, you, your doctor or other health care provider may be able to look up your Medicare Number online.
9. **Keep your Medicare Advantage Card:** If you're in a Medicare Advantage Plan (like and HMO or PPO), your Medicare Advantage Plan ID card is your main card for Medicare – you should keep and use it whenever you need care. However, you may also be asked to show your new Medicare card, so you should carry this card too.
10. **Help is available:** If you don't get your new Medicare card by April 2019 call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

May is National Blood Pressure Education Month

Sponsored by the CDC, a US government health organization, National High Blood Pressure Education Month raises awareness about the impact high blood pressure can have on health.

Written as two figures, blood pressure is measured as the pressure when the heart has pumped (systolic) and when the heart is in between beats (diastolic).

When the heart pumps blood, blood pressure is higher than when it is in between beats. The systolic measurement will be higher than the diastolic measurement.

Also, known as hypertension, high blood pressure increases the risk of serious diseases and conditions such as heart disease and stroke. In the US, heart disease is the most common form of death whilst stroke is the third leading cause. Other risk factors of high blood pressure include congestive heart failure & kidney disease.

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